

**CLASSROOM EXPECTATIONS**  
**PHYSICS**  
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Be **PROMPT**

Be **PREPARED**

Have notebook, writing implements, and completed assignments.

Be **POLITE**

Have respect for others in the class. Do not interrupt class.

Do not pack up early to leave. Disruptions in class will result in detentions and conferences.

Be **PRODUCTIVE**

During class time, work only on SCIENCE work.

During activities, the following types of behavior will NOT be tolerated:

goofing off, “hanging out”, socializing, not participating, etc.

Lack of productivity will result in lunch detentions or parent conferences.

Be **RESPONSIBLE**

Work is expected to be completed on time. A deadline is a deadline.

When absent, YOU are responsible for all make-up work upon your return.

You are responsible for your learning—if you have difficulty, ask questions or get help. Do not sit there discouraged and “lost”, when some extra help might make the difference.

Be **HONEST**

Do your own work—don’t copy.

Cheating/Plagiarism results in divided grades or zeroes for all students involved.

## **Class Supplies Needed: (also listed on eBoard)**

**Notebooks:** Class notebook: Required. A ringbinder with composition paper is recommended. Once papers are torn out of a spiral binder, they cannot be put back. A ringbinder with notebook paper is better for homework, handouts, etc. How you keep and organize your notebook is up to you.

Assignment book: An assignment pad or academic planner for writing assignments is recommended. This is good practice in high school, college, and in life in general, and makes it easier to keep track of work in all of your classes, meetings, practices, etc.

Lab Notebook: a “marble”-type, bound notebook is required. This notebook is for lab activities and projects. You can get the colorful kind if you want -- easier to find yours in the pile of books!

**Calculator:** Scientific-type calculator recommended. I do not have spare calculators or batteries! Put your name on the calculator (not just on the cover)!

**Textbooks:** Must be covered.

### **Other:**

Roll of scotch tape (for lab notebook).

Writing utensils:

- Pencil for homework (recommend mechanical pencil—no sharpening!)
- Pen for lab book (blue or black pen only).
- Dry-erase marker (**fine** tip)—can be purchased as a pack and cost shared by students. No thick, full-sized markers.

Ruler or straightedge (6 or 12-inch). Useful in lab notebook.

## **WHAT NOT TO BRING TO CLASS:**

Cell phones, iPods, or other Electronic Devices **SEE THE SCHOOL HANDBOOK POLICY**

- **Cell phones & iPods should not be carried, worn, or used in the classroom.**
- **They should not be seen or heard in class.**
- **They should be turned off, and put away.**
- You won't get a warning because this is your warning.
- Purses, bags must be OFF the tables/desks.
- Students found using an electronic device in the classroom without permission will have the device confiscated (will be secured and taken to the office).  
A 15-minute lunch detention will also be given.

## **Absences:**

- **General rule: the number of days absent = number of days to make up work.**
- *On the day you return to school*, obtain missed work, and schedule make-ups. I will NOT chase after you to make up work.
  - See me *on the day you return to school*, to schedule make-up times. This may mean seeing me before homeroom or at lunch! Failure to schedule in a timely manner will inconvenience your classmates who won't get test/quiz feedback soon after the test.
- Do not ask me about missed work during class time. See me before/after class, or before/after school.
- If you are absent the day of a test, but were present when it was announced, you must make it up **on the day you return to school**. See me before school / ASAP to schedule the make up (to be made up during your lunch, study hall, after school). Don't wait until the end of the day to tell me that you can't schedule anything that day!
  - You can easily get a pass from me to go to practice late. Coaches always say that school comes first. You CAN make up a test after school.
- Failure to make up a test in a timely manner will result in no grade for that test, and a penalty for "lateness". A re-assessment will be scheduled after school after a period of time that gives the instructor time to develop a new assessment. The re-assessment may involve both written and verbal questions, and will differ from the original test. The intention is to provide the student an opportunity to demonstrate their learning, while being fair and timely in providing feedback to those who did take the test on time.
- Field trips, college visits, special events--- these are excused absences that you know about in advance.
  - If work is due that day, you do NOT get an extension. The assignment is still due—give it to me, to a classmate to hand in, or drop it in my office mailbox.
  - If there is a test/quiz that day, you must see me in advance to schedule a make-up time.
  - If you are in school that day, you are expected to take the test.
- Lab absences: See "Lab Absences" handout, which is to be placed in the lab book.

## **Late Work: A deadline is a deadline is a deadline**

- **Projects, reports:** *Late work not accepted.* Students are given a reasonable amount of time to complete labs and projects. It is the student's responsibility to get assignments to the teacher when they are due. If late work is accepted (teacher's discretion), there is a penalty for lateness, plus additional work may be requested.
- If you are absent on the day something is due, it is your responsibility to get the work handed in ON TIME (send it to school with a friend, drop it off at the office, my mailbox, etc.).
- **You do not get an extension for being absent on a day that an assignment is due.**

## **Group Work**

- Group work can be an issue if a student does not do their part of the work, or if a student does not allow others to contribute.
  - Group assignments are typically given a number of days to be completed, due to the nature of group work.
  - It is expected that if there is an issue with group work, that it be brought to the teacher's attention at least 2 days before the due date.
  - If the group waits until the last night to complete the work, and finds that a member has not contributed, do not complain, since this should have been figured out before the last day.
  - Do NOT put off doing group work until the last minute -- if there is a problem, there is no time to resolve it. The grade will be given on the completed work, regardless.

## **Practice (formerly called "Homework")**

- Practice questions are expected to be *reasonably* neat, organized, and legible.
- Label each assignment (page #, problem #, etc.).
- Practice work should be completed using good, organized problem-solving techniques.
- This is good practice for quizzes and tests, where the instructor must be able to follow your work.
- It will also help when you go back to study the material, if it is written clearly.
- In other words, it should reflect *upper-level high school honors pre-college work*.
- If you have questions while doing Practice questions at home, you may email me, and I will get back to you as soon as I can. ([hhsphysics@snip.net](mailto:hhsphysics@snip.net)).
- Practice ("homework") will be checked, though not necessarily graded.

## **A Final Word:**

The intention of these rules is to be *fair and consistent* to those students who conscientiously do their work, and hold all students accountable to the same expectations.

I realize that there are extenuating circumstances at times.

***Please see me if there is a problem.***

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